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Title: DEVICE FOR CARRYING OUT THE MINIMALLY INVASIVE
WITHDRAWAL OF BLOOD FROM ANIMALS BY USING BLOOD-
SUCKING ASSASSIN BUGS

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Final Office Action dated December 18, 2009 issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified Application. A response to the December 18, 2009 Final Office Action is due March 18, 2009. A petition for one-month extension of time is being filed herewith, such that the due date is April 18, 2010. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.